(c) Facilities provided for dissemination of information to the passengers, like, Enquiry Offices, Public Address System, Indicator Boards, etc.

(d) Provision of lights, fans and other electrical amenities

(e) Provision and maintenance of public conveniences like public lavatories, bathrooms, retiring rooms and waiting halls

(f) Provision of such conveniences as benches on platforms, wheel chairs, stretchers, luggage trolleys, etc.

(g) Reservation and booking for passengers

(h) Security of passengers in carriages and at station premises

(i) Losses in railway revenues; and

(j) Ensuring courtesy to passengers.

Railway Projects in NER

4369. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of railway projects in the NER completed during the last five years;

(b) the names of projects likely to be completed in the Region during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the new projects to be taken up during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the names of major ongoing projects; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) :

(a) Details of Railways Projects completed during last five years are as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Length (KMS)
(1)	(2)	(3)
	NEW LINE	
1.	Jogighopa-Kamakhya (Guwahati)	142.15

(1)	(2)	(3)
	GAUGE CONVERSION	
1.	Nailahung-Dimapur	38
2.	Dimapur-Furkating	70
3.	Guwahati-Kamakhya	7
4.	Mariani-Jorhat	18
5.	Shivasagar-Moranhat	39
6.	Jorhat-Furkating loop	67
7.	Simalguri-Shivsagar	16
8.	Furkating-Mariani	193
9.	Tinsukhiya-Dibrugarh	48
10.	Tinsukhia-Lekhapani	63

(b) Details of Railway Projects completed during the 1st three years of 9th Plan are as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Length (KMS)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
	NEW LINE		
1.	Jogighopa-Kamakhya (Guwahati)	142.15	
	GAUGE CONVERSION		
1.	Jorhat-Furkating loop	67	
2.	Simalguri-Shivsagar	16	(Part of Lumding-Dibrugarh)
3.	Mariani-Jorhat	18	
4.	Shivsagar-moranhat	39	

The details of the Railway Projects targeted to be completed during 2000-01 i.e. 4th year of the 9th Plan are as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project Gauge conversion	Length (Kms.)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Makum-Dangori	31
2.	Amguri-Tuli	14

The targets for 2001-02 i.e. 5th Year of the 9th Plan have not yet been decided.

(c) Construction of new line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa has been included in the Budget, 2000-01. Work will be taken up once the budget is passed by the Parliament. Works to be taken up in 2001-2002 have not yet been decided.

The names of major ongoing Railway projects are as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Length (KMS)
(1)	(2)	(3)
	NEW LINE	
1.	Rail-cum-Road Bridge over River Brahmaputra near Jogighopa and new rail line from Jogighopa to Kamakhya (residual works)	142.15
2.	New Broad Gauge line from Dudhnoi to Depa	15.5
3.	New line from Kumarghat to Agartala	119
4.	New broad gauge line from Harmuti to Itanagar	33
5.	New line from Diphu to Karong as phase I of line to Imphal	123

(1)	(2)	(3)	
6.	Rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra near Bogibil with linkine line between Dibrugarh and North Bank line		
7.	New Moynaguri-Jogighopa	245	
	GAUGE CONVERSIONS		
1.	Lumding-Dibrugarh including branch lines	628}	(Partially completed) Lumding-dibrugarh &
2.	Lumding-Silchar	198}	Mairani-Furkating
3.	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon and branch lines Fakirgram-Dhubri, Alipurduar-Bamanhat	280}	loop, Simalguri-Moranhat completed.
4.	Katakhal-Bhairabi	84}	

(d) Necessary funds and materials, as required, are being arranged.

Criteria for Stoppages of Trains

4370. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1081 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th December, 1999 and state :

(a) what are the criteria for providing stoppage of a train at a particular station;

(b) whether any feasibility was explored in this regard; if so, what modalities were adopted;

(c) whether population of a particular town/city is given weightage in conducting the feasibility study; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in view of the demand of the people of Gurgaon and adjoining areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) While deciding upon the need for a new stoppage of a train the factors to be taken into account are sale of tickets, population of towns/cities, trains already stopping/availability of alternative